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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 22, 2010 (Paper No. 20100317), applicants hereby elect with traverse Group I, claims 24-35, for prosecution in the subject application. Applicants, of course, reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications covering the subject matter of the non-elected claims.

Applicants traverse the restriction requirement on the grounds that the examiner has not demonstrated the requisite "serious burden" needed to justify a restriction requirement. See MPEP § 803(I) B at 800-4 (Rev. 5, August 2006).

It is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for examination, and an early action on the merits is courteously requested.

Applicants petition for a one-month extension of time, as well as any other needed extension, and provide the requisite fee herewith. Please debit any underpayments, or credit any overpayments, to firm deposit account no. 50-2283.